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No matter how safe the campus, students still need to be aware

BY NIKII BROWN
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When students apply for college, they look at the cost, the degree programs, the student organizations, the surrounding area, and how far from or close to home it is. One important factor sometimes overlooked is how safe the campus is.

In early February, a Florida Southern student was beaten on campus after being chased twice by the same man. On two separate occasions, this woman saw a man sitting on the ground with his knees bent, rocking back and forth. Each time, the man immediately got up and chased the woman. After the second incident, the school provided her with an escort service to and from classes, gave the student a keychain with GPS tracking and silent alarm, and provided her with meals in her room.

Four days after the second incident, the woman was struck in the head while talking on the phone outside her dorm room. She was also punched and kicked in her stomach and chest, resulting in her losing consciousness. She woke up, still outside, went back to the dorm and called the police. The suspect is still at large.

This could happen on any campus, big or small. February 9, a former graduate student at USF was shot and killed on campus. Coincidently, this happened to be the same day of the second attack at Florida Southern. USF police are offering a $10,000 reward for any information regarding the murder; the suspect is still at large.

Florida Southern is relatively close in size to Saint Leo University, and USF is fairly close in location. Students need to take these attacks seriously and be concerned for their safety. Saint Leo campus security is available whenever students need them, but students need to be responsible and watch out for themselves. On the University website, there is *Your Right to Know* handbook, which can also be obtained in the campus security office. Under Title IX the University must disclose information on all incidents that have occurred on campus in the last few years, and this information can be found in the *Your Right To Know* handbook.

According to *Your Right To Know* handbook currently online, in 2003 there were 3 forcible sex offenses, 7 burglaries or break-ins, and 1 motor vehicle theft. Reported for 2004, there were 12 burglaries or break-ins and no other offenses. There is no data for the 2005 year posted, yet.

"It's good they have the cameras up in the apartments, and the IDs to get in at night, but there isn't an emergency pole by the path from apartment

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The price of weapons: food

BY PRIYAMVADA CHAUDHARY
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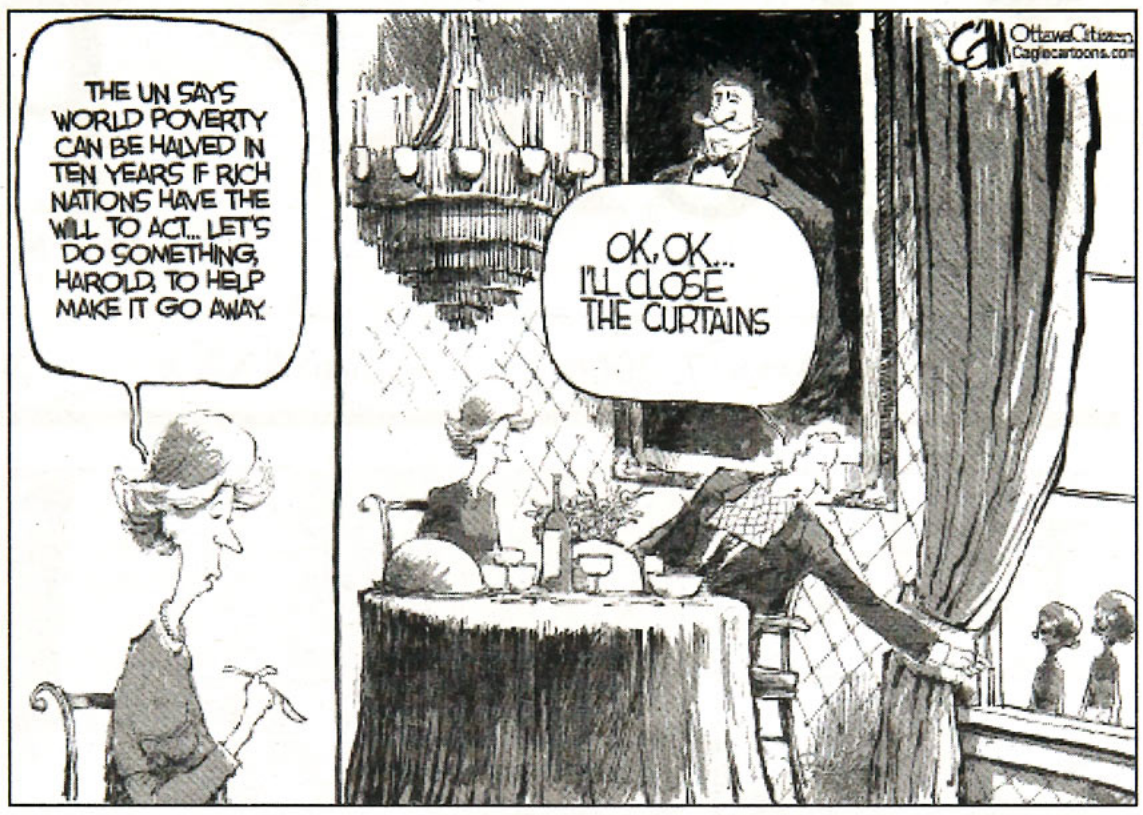
Half the world, nearly 3 billion people, live on less than $2 a day. Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names. These facts are a poignant truth. And, if any of us remain unmoved by the struggle of people trying to just live this life, then we have a tenuous grasp on reality.

All over the world, disparities between the rich and poor, even in the wealthiest of nations, are rising sharply. Fewer people are becoming increasingly successful and wealthy, while a disproportionately larger population is becoming even poorer. Many citizens, by this I mean citizens of the world, have become ruthless victims of poverty.

There are many issues involved when looking at poverty and inequality. We cannot simply conclude that the poor are poor because of their own bad governance and the rich are rich because they are industrious. Around the world, inequality is increasing, while the world is further globalizing. Even wealthy nations have a large gap between the rich and poor, as compared to developed nations.

One of the major causes of poverty is structural adjustment. The IMF and World Bank-prescribed structural adjustment policies have connoted that nations that are lent money are done so on condition they cut social expenditures, such as health and education, in order to repay the loans. As a consequence, poverty and dependency for most people has increased.

Another vital force behind the diversion of available resources for people is international politics and various other interests. Politics, the incessant fight for power, the raging wars and conflicts are the demons that are progressively gnawing away at the store of joys we have. They cause more mutilation than the good they supposedly intend.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We're all aware of people in this world for whom getting even a single meal a day is a grueling task. Haven't we seen pictures of little children ransacking the garbage bin for crumbs or the greedy vulture eyeing the desolate and famished little boy waiting for him to die? These are the cases in point that ought to be real eye-openers for our governments and us. People are hungry not because of lack of availability of food or overpopulation, but because they are too poor to afford the food. Politics and economic conditions have led to poverty and dependency around the world. Addressing world hunger implies tackling world poverty. If food production is further increased and food is provided to more people, while the underlying causes of poverty are not dealt with, hunger will still continue as people will not be able to purchase or produce food.

Now, let me divulge another appalling piece of information. Less than one percent of what the world spends on weapons was needed to put every child into school by year 2000, and yet it didn't happen. Why this expendable race to acquire weapons? When will we be cognizant of the fact that by doing this we're not making it safer but all the more vulnerable? It is simply a fallacy that we're safer having loads of weapons, and we continue to delude ourselves with this misapprehension. We're all sitting on a mountain of nuclear weapons waiting to explode and eliminate the human race, and if we do not take precautions, then one day that might become a reality. Perhaps, we could use, if not a lot, a little of this money to make secure the future of little children around the world. As citizens of this world, it is not much they're asking for.

While the world is further globalizing and the mainstream media in many developed nations point out that economies are booming, there are an increasing number of poor people who are missing out on this apparent boom. It is a Herculean task to eradicate poverty, but if we come together and make a global effort, we will surely come close to achieving this seemingly impossible feat.

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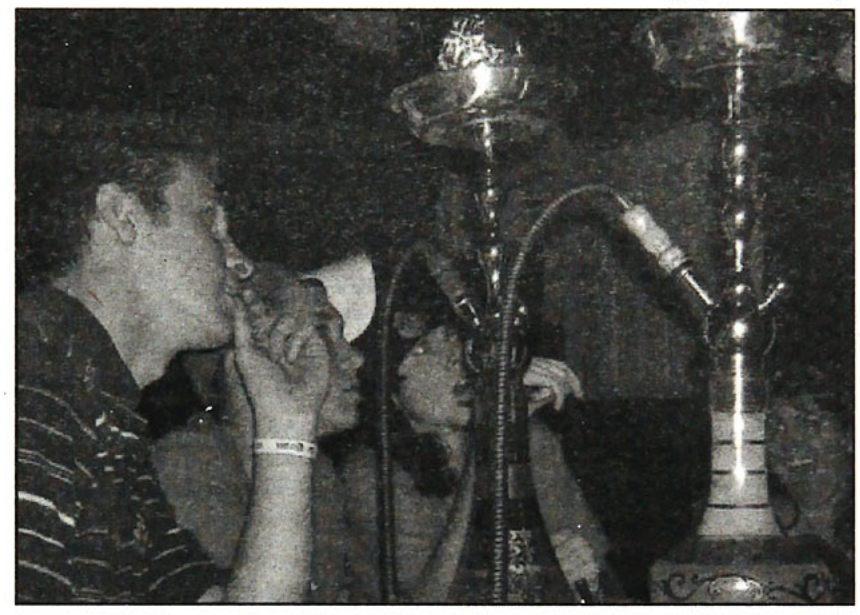


Smoking Hookah

Is this tasty tobacco a social activity or a health hazard?

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Hookah, a Middle Eastern and Asian form of smoking tobacco, is sweeping the United States off its feet, pulling America's youth through a tunnel of hookah Os, and increasing the craving for this tasty tobacco.

Due to the growing popularity of hookah smoking among teens and young adults, hookah bars and cafes are popping up all over the place, including not far from school. This new social activity is a growing trend for a lot of college students; however, what is the difference between smoking hookah and that habit-forming cancer stick that so many college students seem to start at college?

"I brought hookah with me when I came here from Jacksonville. There is a hookah lounge close to where I live. I can't believe how popular its become," said freshman Christopher McCaffrey.

The dangers of smoking cigarettes have been drilled home for quite some time, but there are those who have chosen to ignore the warning on most packages and those who have taken into account their need for a healthy set of lungs. However, hookah is something that not many people know a lot about.

A hookah, also called narghile, shisha, and goza, is more or less a water pipe. The hookah device consists of four parts: the base, the bowl, a pipe, and at least one hose. When a smoker inhales through the hose, a pressure difference forces air past the heating source and heats the tobacco, located in the bowl, which gives off smoke. The smoke is pulled away from the tobacco and passes through the base, which is partially filled with water, and into the smoke chamber, where it is inhaled by the smoker.

The most commonly-used hookah tobaccos (known as tobamel or maassel) are produced using a 1:2 mixture of shredded tobacco leaf mixed in with a sweetener such as honey, molasses, or semi-dried fruit.

Today, shisha tobacco is often mixed with dried fruit, natural extracts, and artificial flavorings to produce a varying assortment of tobacco flavors, such as apple, strawberry, mango, cappuccino, vanilla, coconut, cherry, grape, banana, mixed fruit, cola, lemon, apricot, and mint, which has a cooling effect on the throat. This proliferation of flavors is rather new, starting perhaps in the mid-1990s.

"I have smoked both a cigarette and hookah; and taste wise, I would rather smoke hookah," said freshman Brandon Sinigalliano.

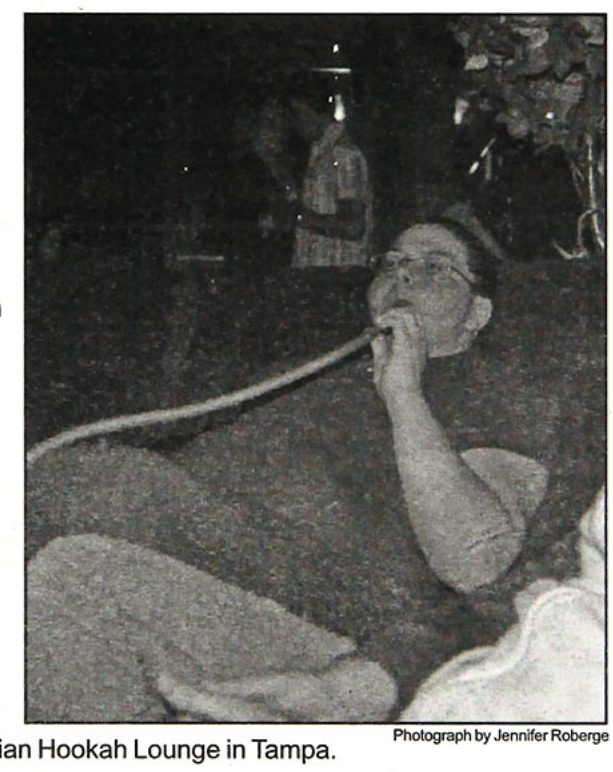
Despite the significant differences between the two, the trend of hookah smoking has doctors and public health experts concerned because, despite the claim of many users, smoking from a hookah has shown similar risks to smoking a cigarette. Although many believe the water in the hookah filters out all the contaminates or harmful chemicals in the tobacco smoke, public health experts don't believe this is true.

According to a recent World Health Organization (WHO) advisory, a typical one-hour session of hookah smoking exposes the user to 100 to 200 times the volume of smoke inhaled from a single cigarette. Even after passing through the water, the tobacco smoke produced still contains high levels of toxic compounds, including carbon monoxide, heavy metals, and cancer-causing chemicals.

On the other hand, smoking a hookah pipe is a social activity, in that those who use hookah pipes are generally not smoking as often or as much as other smokers of cigarettes, cigars, and pipes.

"I don't go to the Hookah lounge that often, but I do enjoy it on Wednesday nights because there is a singer who plays anything from John Mayer to Tenascious D," said Jennifer Roberge, a junior criminal justice major. "I don't worry about the contaminants in the tobacco because I just go every once in awhile to relax with some friends."

Instead of asking whether hookah pipes are healthier than cigarettes, since both products contain tobacco, which is known to be unhealthy, teens and young adults might want to think of it in terms of being exposed to fewer toxins less often than if they were to smoke a cigarette, cigar, or pipe. But, students still might want to keep in mind the effects of tobacco when deciding how often they choose to smoke a hookah pipe.



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Top to bottom: A hookah is a traditional Middle Eastern or Asian device for smoking; Jennifer Roberge blows flavored smoke from a Hookah at the Meridian Hookah Lounge in Tampa; Two students, freshmen Christopher McCaffrey and Brandon Sinigalliano, also enjoyed the atmosphere in a hookah lounge; Crystal Odom smokes flavored tobacco from a Hookah at the Meridian Hookah Lounge in Tampa.

Saftey Con't

four, and the one behind building one said out of order for a couple of weeks," Junior Jessica Woods states. "And if I was getting chased, I'd hit the emergency button, but I'm not going to stand there to talk, and then I have to run to the apartments, getting my ID out in the process, and try to get in before the attacker catches me."

Every safety precaution has pros and cons, and although some may seem inconvenient at times, a plan can be very helpful; these safety precautions are there just for that purpose.

In addition to precautions, there is campus security.

"My number one goal is to make sure campus is as safe as we can keep it," declares Campus Safety Director Jerome F. Helton.

Helton has been at Saint Leo for the last 26 years; and though she has specific hours she works on campus, she is on call 24/7. Helton expresses a love for keeping her students safe and encourages all students to come and speak with her if they like.

"My door is always open…unless I'm with a student, but then the other student is told I'm unavailable right now, but to please come back at a later date," said Helton, who encourages students to visit another campus safety office and see how they are treated.

"It's not the same. I give students my cell number, and they don't know how to respond," Helton said.

Campus safety provides many resources for students to keep themselves safe. Under *Your Right To Know* handbook, there are helpful tips for students to follow to help themselves. Some of these tips are:

- Keep your doors locked at all times.
- Walk, jog, or travel with a friend.
- If you lose your keys to your room, report it to residence life immediately.
- When using your vehicle, keep doors locked at all times. Before entering, always look under the car and in the backseat.

In addition to the tips, campus safety provides rides for students to and from locations where they feel scared or unsafe to walk. All students have to do is call security at 352-588-8432. If there is an emergency, security encourages students to call the emergency line at 352-588-8333. Campus security has a direct line to 911, but does not have a problem if students call 911 before security.

Campus safety is here to help. At times students may get put off because they get a parking ticket for being in the loading zone for more than 15 minutes, but that's just part of the job. Another part of the job is making students feel safe, and that comes first and foremost.

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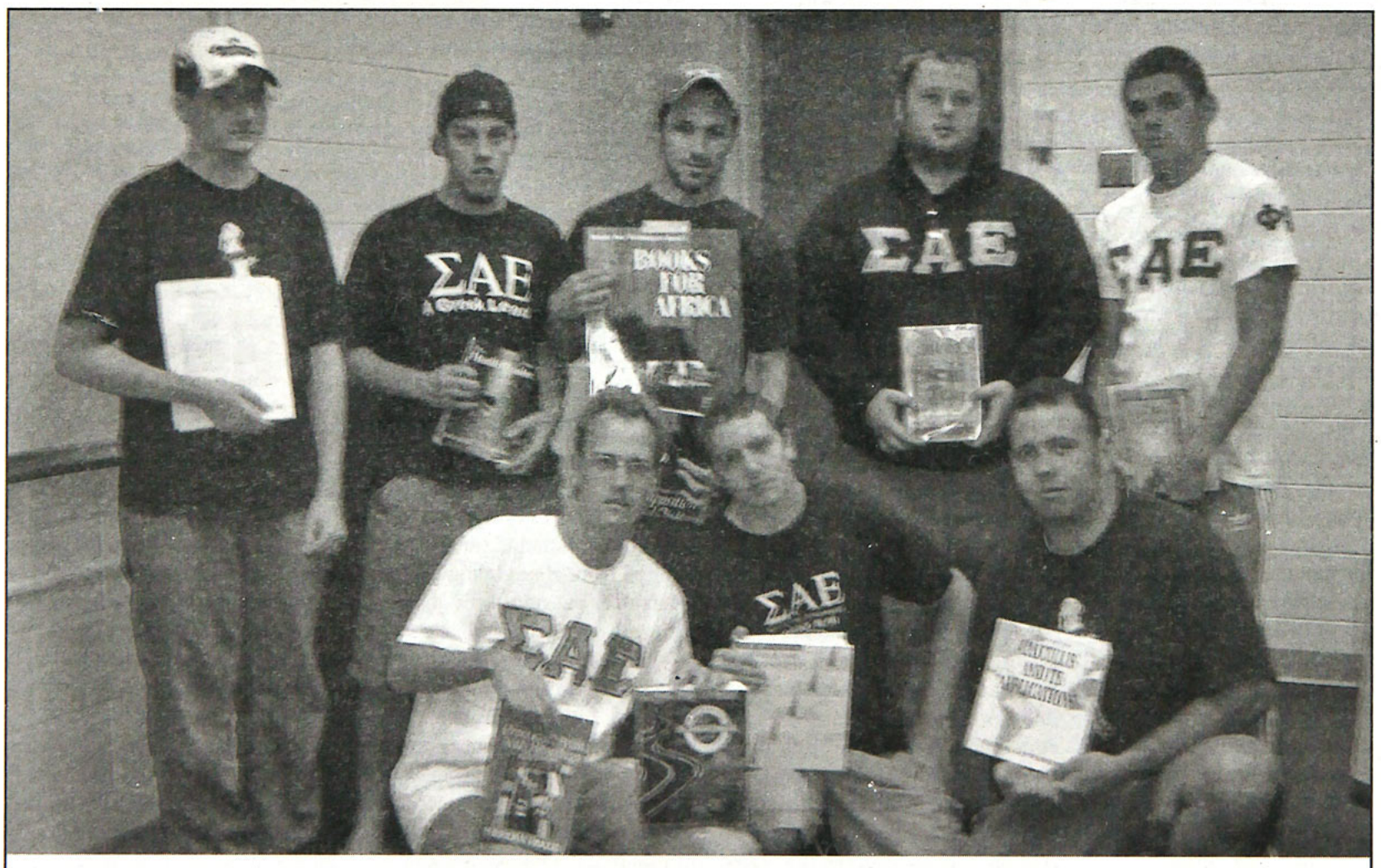
Xena Brooks-Hairston and Tiffany Simmons leave building three, where the door has been propped open using an ashtray cover.

Books for Africa



Sigma Alpha Epison (SAE) is collecting books to support Books For Africa, an organization that gathers donated books and sends them to Africa with the hope to end what they call book famine. "When the books arrive, they go to those who need them most: children who are hungry to read, hungry to learn, hungry to explore the world in ways that only books make possible." For more information visit www.booksforafrica.org. To help SAE end the book famine, donate books to marked bins inside of classroom buildings and the cafeteria.

An appreciation and understanding for math

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Mathematicians, such as Archimedes, Einstein, and even Alan Greenspan, would have been overjoyed to hear of the activities that took place during Saint Leo's own Math Awareness Week. Slated to nationally take place some time in April, Saint Leo math department jumped the gun and kicked off the week March 14, 3/14, also known as pi day.

Math Awareness Week is held in late April each year to increase public understanding of and appreciation for mathematics. It began in 1986 with a proclamation by President Ronald Reagan, who said in part:

"Despite the increasing importance of mathematics to the progress of our economy and society, enrollment in mathematics programs has been declining at all levels of the American educational system. Yet the application of mathematics is indispensable in such diverse fields as medicine, computer sciences, space exploration, the skilled trades, business, defense, and government. To help encourage the study and utilization of mathematics, it is appropriate that all Americans be reminded of the importance of this basic branch of science to our daily lives."

In the first year, Mathematics Awareness Week concentrated on national-level events, such as opening an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution on mathematics. Since that time, the focus has shifted to activities at the local, state, and regional levels. Over the years, the general purpose has consistently been to increase the visibility of mathematics as a field of study and to communicate the power and intrigue in mathematics to a larger audience.

The math department at Saint Leo could not agree more.

"It's about time we got students having fun with math. Having fun with the subject can often make it easier to understand," said math professor Frank Barthel.

Sponsored by the math department, the science department, and the cafeteria, activities for Mathematics Awareness Week are generally organized by college and university departments. They have included a wide variety of workshops, competitions, exhibits, festivals, lectures, and symposia. Saint Leo organized a week full of good clean fun, despite the pie eating contest. The contest took place in front of the cafeteria. There were 8 sloppy rounds with 5-6 players competing against each other. The winners of the pie eating contest, while slightly sloppy, were Gary Wisfarda, Jacci White, Emily Wing, Gretchen Kita, and Jason Howard.

The second activity during the two-day celebration was a Sudoku tournament. Sudoku, a challenging math puzzle that has begun to sweep the United States, is currently in many newspapers across the country. The players who took part in the tournament were Tracey Fifield, James Blade, Chris Mannaro, Tadd Albury, and Dr. John Hartman. Fifield came in first, winning a calculator, and Dr. Hartman came in second. The rest of the activities consisted of the presentation of a movie called *Proof* on Tuesday night and a Jeopardy tournament on Wednesday. The grueling match of jeopardy contained intense mathematical questions on the history, background, and the function of math. The three future mathematicians and winners were Dane Gruenebaum, Nathaniel Vinje, and Jordan Riccardi. And throughout the week of math fun, there was a significantly large jar of sweet treats at the front desk in the cafeteria. Students placed guess after guess at a chance to win the jar and its contents. The winner was Charles McBrearty with an on-the-nose guess of 523 pieces.

The first annual Math Awareness Week went on without a glitch and was enjoyed by the students and staff members who put the celebration together. Special thanks go out to Dr. Karen Hahn, Dr. Jerome Williams, and Dr. Charles Grimes for a successful first year, and hopefully more years to come.

Photographs provided by the math department
Students competed for a chance to be Jeopardy champion.

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Participants of the pie-eating contest.

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Arts & Entertainment

PLAY REVIEW: *A Streetcar Named Desire* is a subversive, steamy classic.

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The sleepy town of Dade City was awakened by the rolling out of the red carpet at Saint Leo when Leo's best actors and actresses brought back to life the late Tennessee Williams' play, *A Streetcar Named Desire.* Being an intrigued member of the audience on opening night, I believe old Tennessee would have been overly impressed with the performance given by Professor Charles Grimes and his esteemed Saint Leo Theatre, an all-student production company.

A Streetcar Named Desire is a subversive, steamy classic. It is so good, in fact, that it has been adapted on many occasions by different directors, including Grimes at our own little play house in Selby Auditorium. In 1947, the Tennessee Williams' play, *A Streetcar Named Desire,* opened on Broadway for a two-year run with Marlon Brando as star and Elia Kazan as director.

In Saint Leo's play, Blanche DuBois, played by Sidney Carlan, a junior at Saint Leo, is coming to New Orleans to visit her sister, the pregnant Stella, performed by Patty DeBellis, and the sister's husband, Stanley Kowalski, played by Josh Davis, another junior who gave a very convincing performance to a completely ghastly character. To get to their seedy apartment, DuBois has to take a streetcar named Desire. The story takes place in New Orleans shortly after World War II.

"Despite the fact that I had to sit on the stairs, I enjoyed the play. It was actually remarkable how well they performed in such small spaces."

freshman Megan McComeskey

Despite the packed playhouse, the story captivated the audience and kept them on the edge of their seats, or the stairs in some cases. The performance, despite small spaces, went on without any glitches while shocking the audience with some sexual content, a few outbursts from Stanley, and a breakdown or two from Ms. DuBois.

"Despite the fact that I had to sit on the stairs, I enjoyed the play," said freshman Megan McComeskey. "It was actually remarkable how well they performed in such small spaces."

Much like the title, the desire to give a grand performance flourished from the actors and into the hearts and the emotions of the many generations of spectators.

"I was in a lot of plays in high school. You can really sense the dedication behind the actors' performance," said freshman Cristin Malthaner

The production was free and open to the public; however, no price could be placed on the performance the audience received.

Daylight Saving Time—Not Just a Beginning

BY DIANE EDWARDS
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For those unaware, it is commonly, yet incorrectly, believed that the correct spelling pluralizes 'Saving' in Daylight Saving Time. 'Saving' is typically pluralized because it sounds better, but it is still incorrect. Even dictionaries list this common usage, further confusing the term. According to WebExhibits, the official spelling is indeed "*Daylight Saving Time*."

This year the Daylight Saving Time (DST) began at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2006. For those affected by DST, the clocks should have been turned ahead by one hour. Interestingly enough, most of Arizona (excluding the Navajo Indian Reservation), Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, and the Eastern Time Zone section of Indiana do not participate in DST. Currently, DST begins at 2 a.m. the first Sunday of April and ends at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of October in every year.

Beginning in the year 2007, according to the California Energy Commission and the Energy Policy Act of 2005, DST is to be extended by one month. It will begin at 2 a.m. the second Sunday of March and will end at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November in every year. The California Energy Commission confirms this new change was signed on August 8, 2005 by President George W. Bush.

For more information on DST, visit http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving or www.energy.ca.gov

Remember to spring forward and fall back!

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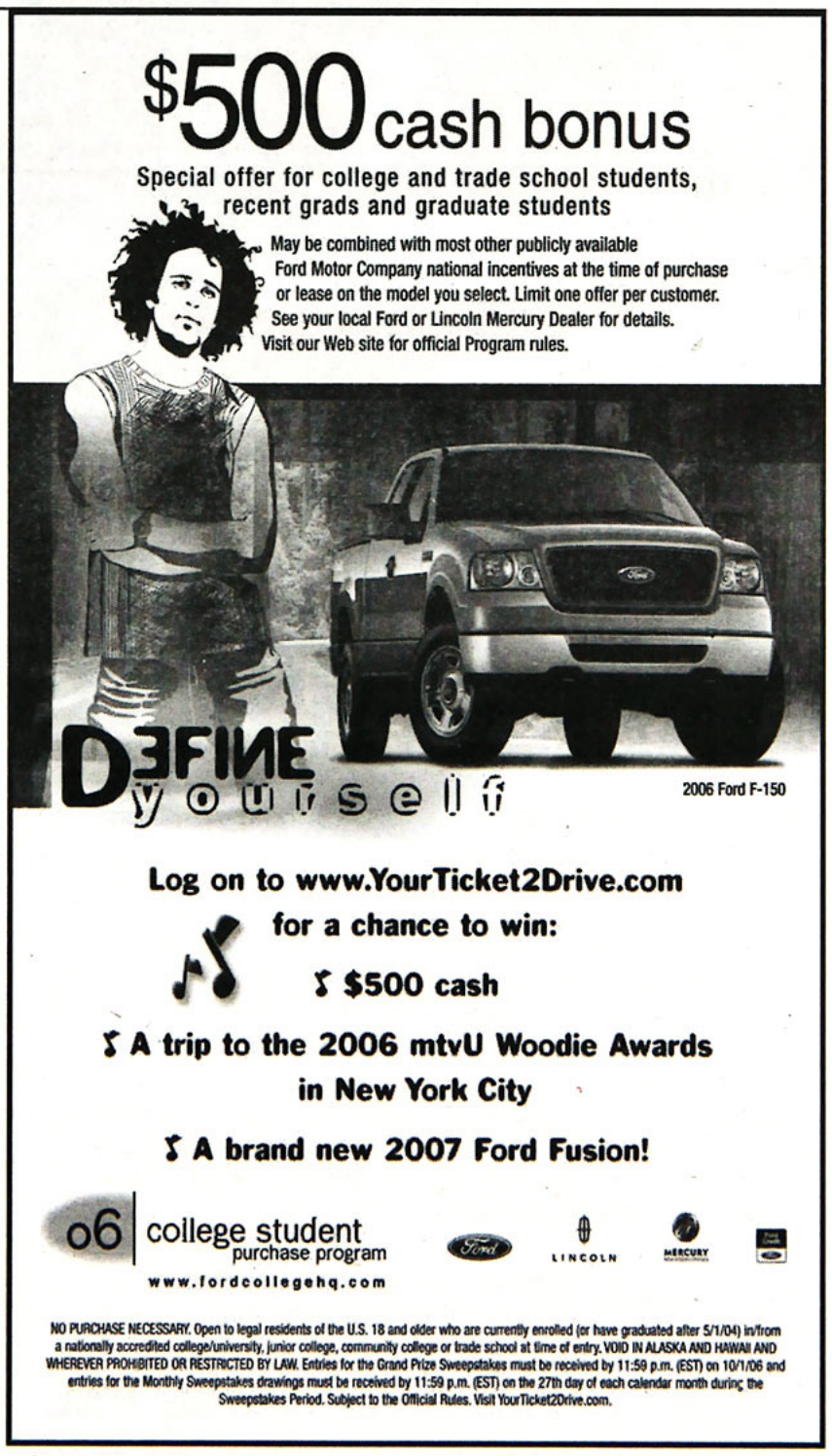
For many students, the time change requires an adjustment period.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Inside Man worth coming out

BY JENNIFER REILLY
Lion's Pride Editor

Spike Lee's latest joint, *Inside Man*, is a thrilling heist film that answers the six classic questions of who, what, when, where, why, and most imaginatively how. Starring Denzel Washington (*Training Day*) as a suave detective and Clive Owen (*Closer, Sin City*) as an even more suave thief, *Inside Man*, provides the audience with suspense and occasional laughter.

The heist takes place midday in a crowded New York City bank. The police are notified by a street officer who notices smoke pouring from the bank's front doors. Detective Keith Frazier (Washington) takes the case and spends the whole film trying to close it. His efforts are thwarted by Madeline White, played by Jodie Foster, who works for the owner of the bank. Her objective is to remove a safe deposit box containing a mysterious treasure that has the potential to ruin the life of the bank's owner, Arthur Case, portrayed by the talented Christopher Plummer.

> It looked like the perfect bank robbery. But you can't judge a crime by its cover.

Owen succeeds at surprising the audience as his character, Dalton Russell, succeeds at surprising Frazier and his partner (Chiwetel Ejiofor from *Melinda and Melinda*). Russell's only flaw is his need to wear a mask. Owen is quickly becoming one of Hollywood's most prominent leading men, so couldn't movie magic have made him a bank robber not confined to anonymity?

The plot requires Russell and his comrades to wear a mask, but Lee, and writer, Russell Gewirtz, ignore many concepts that their plot should have contained. For instance, the character and role of Madeline White are never fully explained. The audience has no choice but to accept her as a no-holds-barred, incredibly intelligent, go-getter who just happens to have so much power she can manipulate the mayor, the police department, and even the resolute gun-bearing bank robber.

Another plot hole involves Russell's character. The film revolves around the secret of one man, not Russell, and the efforts of two other's deal with it. Movie-goers learn how Frazier comes to know of the secret, but they are not informed from where Russell's knowledge came from. The film runs long in the end, and the conclusion is painfully delayed. That time could have been negotiated to allow more of the back story of the robbers.

The cinematography of the film is interesting but confusing at some points. The chronology jumps from one point to the next, and the camera angles have absolutely no limits. While it was entertaining and suspenseful, there was no clear vision. So, anyone are looking for entertainment and suspense, see this film; however, if vision and continuity are needed, then skip the theatres this week, stay in, and rent *Reservoir Dogs*.

Say goodbye to a friendly face in the cafeteria

BY JENNIFER REILLY
Lion's Pride Editor

On Monday, March 13, Isaac Hayes, the voice of beloved Chef on Comedy Central's *South Park*, resigned citing religious reasons. Hayes has collaborated with Matt Stone and Tray Parker on the controversial *South Park* since 1997. He has been involved in episodes that mock Christianity, Judaism, Mormonism, and Islam.

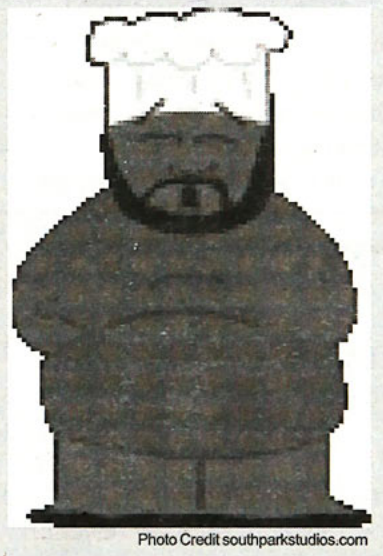
"There is a place in this world for satire, but there is a time when satire ends and intolerance and bigotry towards religious beliefs of others begins," Hayes told the Associated Press (AP).

"This is 100 percent having to do with his faith of Scientology... He has no problem - and he's cashed plenty of checks - with our show making fun of Christians," said Stone in response.

Hayes reaction to an episode entitled "Trapped in the Closet," was related to his faith in Scientology and Stone and Parker's decision to mock scientology and its famous followers, John Travolta and Tom Cruise.

When asked by AP reporters about their decision, Parker said, "Finally, we just had to tell Isaac, 'Dude, we totally love working with you, and this is nothing personal. It's just we're *South Park*, and, if we don't do this, we're belittling everything else we've ripped on.'"

On Wednesday, March 23, Stone and Parker reacted to Hayes' decision by killing his character off in the season premier. However, they didn't let him die peacefully. Hayes voice was replaced with sound clips from previous episodes. The children of *South Park* realize that something is wrong with Chef when he begins to act like a pedophile. They blame his behavior on a fruity little club,



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reminiscent of the Church of Scientology.

South Park will continue with its tenth season this year while Hayes will be appearing on *That 70's Show* this spring.

TV REVIEW: College grads clash with the real world

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(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Two mid-season replacement sitcoms on Fox address the biggest fears faced by new college graduates. On "Free Ride," the recent grad has no plan for his future so he moves back home with his parents, and "The Loop" deals with trying to balance job responsibility while still partying like a bleary-eyed senior. Both shows are full of cliched characters and predictable scenarios, but lack any laughs.

In "Free Ride," Nate (Josh Dean) has no idea what he wants to do after getting his degree, so he moves back to Missouri to live with his parents. He begrudgingly befriends David Lee Roth clone Mark Dove (Dave Sheridan) and develops a fast crush on Amber (Erin Cahill), a bank teller he knew in high school who is now engaged.

There is plenty of predictable motivation for Nate to pull together a plan to move out of Missouri. His parents, who changed the lock on the front door, argue all the time when they aren't having the sex night their marriage therapist recommends. Nate's room has been converted into a home gym, so he needs to sleep on an air mattress in the garage. His only friend in town is known as "the guy who chugged motor oil." Yet Nate is drawn to Amber and wants to stay in town until she gets married. His father, angry that Nate turned down a job offer, tries to convince him that "a crappy job is the foundation of a good life."

"That job was a part of my major, and I'm not that majorly into it anymore," Nate says. "The good news is that I know what I don't want to do."

Sam (Bret Harrison), the hero on "The Loop," has the opposite problem. Hired as an airline executive right out of college based on his thesis, he is passionate about his job. But he also wants to go out drinking with his three roommates: His stoner brother Sully, ditzy bartender Lizzy and longtime crush Piper. His nighttime antics with his friends often threaten his daytime responsibilities at the airline.

The characters are one-dimensional. Sully plays almost the same irritating role that Dove does on "Free Ride." He is immature, lazy and constantly plays pranks on his younger brother. Piper is clueless about Sam's feelings for her and continues to date her blind spot, as an unnecessary graphic tells the audience while the word "douche" is sung. At work, Sam faces a sexually harassing female executive, Meryl (Mimi Rogers), and a boss who constantly threatens to fire him. When Sam must decide between a work obligation and meeting the girl he's dating at the airport, he tells his roommates he has decided to go for the girl.

"I'm gonna risk getting fired because I don't want to be 24, buried in work and putting my job above everything else in my life," he says.

Job security should actually be a concern, because a quick cancellation is as predictable as the two programs.

Sports

Katie Heintz accomplishing the unthinkable one task at a time!

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Katie Heintz. Name sound familiar? It should. She is Saint Leo's All American softball pitcher. She has been honored by the Sunshine State Conference and Saint Leo University more times then can be counted. She is a biology major that was accepted into medical school for the fall, and she is known by just about everyone on campus.

Think there is nothing else this phenomenal woman can't do? Well, think again! This past weekend Katie Heintz set another Saint Leo record; she reached the 1,000 strikeout mark.

"This is something that I never even thought about," declared Heintz when asked if this was a goal she had been working toward.

It was only two weeks ago at a home game against Palm Beach Atlantic that Heintz broke Saint Leo's record for strikeouts, with 946. Now, she is the first athlete ever in Saint Leo softball history to strike out 1,000 players in her college career.

" When I read and heard about this pitcher, Katie Heintz, I pictured a huge girl on the mound, but when I came out to my first softball game to see her pitch, I was amazed at how tiny she is! How does that much power come from such a small pitcher?" asked Nick Taft of the Saint Leo baseball team.

Power does not seem to be a problem for Heintz. Actually, nothing fazes her. People in the crowd are always yelling things at her and trying to distract her. She is extremely focused.

"I was at the game when she broke the 946 strikeout record and set school history. Now, it seems like just two weeks later she has struck out over 50 more people, and in such a little amount of time. That is completely unbelievable!" exclaimed Nicole Grosebeck.

Is all happened on a Friday night. The softball team was at Rollins College playing a game. Heintz had to get 13 strike outs to reach 1,000. Heintz, always going above and beyond what is expected of her, had 14 strike outs.

"My coach gave me that ball and a big hug, It was nice that they announced that I hit the 1,000 mark on their field. Most schools won't do that," said Heintz

What was it that gave her that extra boost to strike out that many players? Did she eat her Wheaties? Or have a power bar? No! Her father flew in from Oregon to see her play all of her games this week. He was speechless with pride as she broke this huge record.

Katie was a pitcher in high school. She was very talented and could have attended many different schools to play. Her grades were exemplary, and her softball skills were just as top-notch. Saint Leo was lucky they were located in the sunshine state, or they never would have seen Heintz.

"Saint Leo was my first choice because of the weather. Here I can play softball year round," said Heintz.

Heintz now has a total of 1021 career strikeouts and is still going strong. They are a little more than halfway through their season, and she has plans for many more strikeouts to come.

Heintz is currently number 5 in NCAA Division II history with 1021 strikeouts. She has put Saint Leo in the record books and has had one of the most successful careers ever recorded for a Saint Leo pitcher.

The excitement of baseball

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It's been 5 months since the final out of the World Series, and diehard baseball fans, like me, are so desperate for baseball that we'd be open to the innovation of Arena Baseball. Thankfully, the Saint Leo baseball team's season is 33 games deep and has us diehards excited; so excited, in fact, that I bought MVP NCAA Baseball 2006 for Playstation and spent 4 hours on a Sunday afternoon creating the whole Saint Leo team.

Last year's team finished a disappointing 24-27 (compared to my Playstation team's 47 wins and 2 losses to a prodigious Texas team), but after this year's shellacking of Palm Beach Atlantic University in a double header – 20-1 and 18-0 – there is plenty of reason to be excited about this team.

The team's record currently stands at 21-12 with an 18-4 record at home. Eric Spicer, a junior transfer, is hitting .380 and had 5 homeruns through only 16 games. Last year's team leader was Rhett Teller. This year, Teller is currently batting .384 and is on pace for his last year's homerun total with 5 long balls. At this rate, Rhett Teller is on pace for 110 homeruns in 50 games, and Nick Taft is on pace for 45,000 career strikeouts.Remarkably, Saint Leo has 10 players already with at least one homerun. I couldn't even reach this plateau on Playstation because it took me 20 games to get used to the new hitting feature.

As for pitching, Ron Lowe (despite his last name) has pitched brilliantly and has transformed into David Wells from his stint with the Yankees. The lefthander has posted a tidy 2.29 ERA with 63 strikeouts in only 51 innings. Jesse Wilson is showing possibly the best control of any Saint Leo pitcher since Bob Tewksbury (who is ranked 4th for major league pitchers in walks per 9innings since 1900) posting 50 strikeouts with only 10 walks in 46.1 innings. Carter Clements has been surprisingly good and leads the team with his 1.72 ERA and miniscule opposing batting average of .206. The bullpen has also been video-game-like with 3 pitchers with ERAs under 1.50 and 5 different pitchers with the ability to close out a game.

To this point, Saint Leo team's ERA is 3.46, compared to opponents' 6.94 and last year's 4.55. The team batting average is .318, compared to opponents' .245, and itis 38 points up from last year's overall .280. It's only a matter of time before other schools in the SSC start making accusations that Victor Conte and other Balco executives are close friends with coach Ware because of the team's noticeable improvement from last year. Hard work and determination are a big reason Saint Leo is 18-4 at home.

Another, of course, is the ability of The Right Field Rowdies to learn the name of the opposing right fielder, think of words that rhyme with it, and yell them at him, with respect of course, for 9 straight innings. I recently sat down with Rowdy John Paul Paige from Worcester, Massachusetts to ask for insight into the team's success. The only explanation he could provide was: "They're playing wicked smart."

It is now crunch time for the team and the Rowdies as they move into conference play. Fifteen of the last 18 games are conference games, and the hard work of the baseball team will be reflected during this time. The Rowdies' performance is also pivotal, but they are up for the challenge and have been practicing their vocal scales and making more green tea than ever.

Fifth Annual Spirit Of Saint Leo Golf Tournament

The fifth annual Spirit of Saint Leo Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, April 17 at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club. The scramble format will have a noon shotgun start. Pasco Regional Medical Center of Dade City, Fla., is a title sponsor.

Entry fee is $250 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, free use of the practice range, a box lunch, a dinner buffet following play, hole contests, raffle items, and free beverages on the course. Awards will be presented to the top three teams. There will be live and silent auctions for players to participate in.

Sponsorships are available, including title sponsor for $5,000; gold sponsorship for $2,500, green sponsorship for $1,500 and hole sponsorship for $200. Additional information can be gained on sponsorships by calling Walt Riddle at 352-588-8506, or 352-467-0044.

Additional information about the tournament, including the tournament schedule, can be gained by going to the Saint Leo web site at: www.saintleo.edu/golftournament